

Coming from an era that had regulation as it's conscious I am appalled at how a segment in society is allowed to feed personal opinion to the public as if it were the correct. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I remember when as an employee of AT&T and Ma Bell we would shutter at the threat of a complaint to the PUC or FCC. Now there is no where to turn. You have made it possible for the special interest to control the air waves and minds of the citizenry with propaganda. You turn a blind ear to the other side of the picture. Extremes of any kind are dangerous but the media has always had the reputation of giving all sides until ideologic control has been allowed to take control under your watch.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The present misleading, sound bite tactics are not the ideals we were raised on in America. What you sow you reap at all levels of life. Individually, community, state and finally nation. It's not the Gay rights or Life issues it's how we as a nation are setting the example for the rest of the world. Who are we to try to influence other nations when we are going so far off track. Who are we trying to kid? Our selves? We talk about keeping "under God" or in "God we Trust", how dare we to operate so deviously and expect to have his blessings. I expect only wrath, unless we wake up and see clearly. The Sinclairs are trying to influence a nation with misleading information. They aren't the only ones. Shame.

You know I look at the face of father Bush and I see the horror of what is happening all over it. It's so sad. I didn't agree with him 100% but at least I felt he really tried to do what he thought was best without distortion. With the far right trying to control us I think God must be shaking his head and I expect major karma for the nation unless we open our eyes and truly see. We can not say one thing and do another. As a nation we are truly hypocrites. Thank you.